

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

Claims 1, 4, 5, 12, 27, 29 and 32-39 are currently being cancelled.

Claims 18, 26, 30 and 40 are currently being amended.

Claims 41-49 are currently being added.

This amendment adds, cancels and amends in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 18, 25-26, 30 and 40-49 are now pending in this application.

Request for Entry of After-final Amendment and Reply:

Applicant respectfully requests that this after-final amendment and reply be considered and entered, since it is believed to place this application in condition for allowance.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter made in the Office Action with respect to claim 40. Claim 40 has been amended to remove some of the steps recited in that claim, whereby those steps are now recited in claims 48 and 49, which depend from claim 40. Claim 40, as amended, is believed to patentably distinguish over the cited art of record. Claim 48 is also believed to patentably distinguish over the cited art of record, and claim 49 (which corresponds to previous claim 40) distinguishes over the cited art of record based on the indications made in the Office Action.

Claims Rejections - 35 USC § 112

In the Office Action, claims 1-5, 10, 12, 14-27, 29-30, 32-35, and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Presently pending claim 18 and 30 have each been amended such that they now recite that the predetermined form pattern includes a rectangular pattern, whereby those

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